

THE FALCON FLYER

March 8, 2010



Dear Floral Street Families,

We write today to recognize some expressions of community in the last week. As you likely know, the first Friday of each month at Floral Street we hold our All-School Meeting. These meetings are always expressions of community and opportunities to reinforce our core values – **this past week, it was also an opportunity to hear a pin drop in a room full of nearly 800 children and adults.** We celebrated reading at this month's meeting and decided to express our confidence in the students of Floral Street by having an All-School "Read-to-Self" session. Last thing on a Friday afternoon, students packed knee-to-knee, some may have said that this wasn't the wisest of ideas...but the students of Floral Street, your children, thought it was nothing but **fun**. Words cannot express the incredible feeling of watching well over 700 students (and the accompanying adults, too!), all in one room, sitting still and silently, each and every one truly engaged in the text in their hands. Our students are hard workers and are engaged and enthusiastic members of this community, and they showed it in a special way on Friday. We could not be more proud of them, and thank you for the ongoing support you give them to be well-prepared as they arrive on our doorstep each day.

We'd also like to thank everyone who arrived on the doorstep on Saturday morning for our Breakfast with Somebuddy Special. Much like an all-school read-to-self is a simple seven minutes of reading at its heart, this event was a simple breakfast at its heart. The opportunity to come together as families, though, made it much more than that – it was wonderful to see the children enjoying time in the school in company of their parents, sharing their school experience with you. **We'd like to offer our special thanks to Lisa Quigley** who was the volunteer coordinator of the event. She was assisted by **Lisa Greene, Linda Perkins, Karen and Allison Mills, Jim Kane, Milissa Pisano, Patricia Fay, Priya Huseby, AnneMarie DeAngelis, Jennifer Basgaard, and Erin, Danny and Catherine Quigley.** Special thanks to **Ginger Lino** for organizing all the fantastic raffle baskets.

Sincerely,

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Important Notes:

FLORAL STREET NOTICES:

Placement Process

Attached with this Falcon Flyer is a letter regarding our class placement process for the 2010-2011 school year. **Please be sure to open this attachment as it contains important procedural information for parent input.**

MCAS

Thank you to everyone who came out last Thursday for our PTO meeting about MCAS – we appreciate the genuine interest in the topic. As a follow-up, there is a detailed discussion of MCAS in a previous edition of the *Floral Focus* posted on our website at:

http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1268056560_849060.pdf

OTHER DISTRICT NOTICES:

Upcoming School Budget Presentations

This Wednesday, the School Department will present its initial fiscal year 2011 (which begins July 1, 2010) at the School Committee Meeting that begins at 7:00pm. In addition, the School Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the FY2011 budget on Wednesday, March 24 at Shrewsbury High School. The budget picture continues to be a complicated one at the state and local level, and it will be important to be informed and offer input to the town's elected representatives as we move forward.

Shrewsbury Road Scholars 5k

Another sign of spring is upon us – **the Third Annual Shrewsbury Road Scholars 5k** is approaching! Registration is now open at www.shrewsburyroadscholars.org for this 5K road race that will take place Sunday, April 11th at 12:00 noon. **As in past years, all proceeds will benefit the Shrewsbury Public Schools Citizens for Education Fund.**

SEF St. Patrick's Day Dance

You are invited to join Shrewsbury Education Foundation for their largest fundraiser of the year! **Saturday, March 13th, 8pm to midnight at Marionis Park in Shrewsbury.** This wee bit 'o' green and jeans adult dance will feature live music by Shrewsbury's own band, Tension, and new this year a raffle and silent auction! The cost is \$15 per person - for tickets please call Steve Grip at (508) 612-4068 or Missy Hollenback at melisahollenback@hotmail.com You can also buy tickets at the door, if we are not sold out. Buy 8 tickets, get 2 free!

SPED-PAC Meeting

Shrewsbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council Meeting Spring Mixer

Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Oak Middle School Media Center

More information coming, so please check the website frequently at:

<http://www.shrewspac.org/>

Summer Enrichment

Registration for the Floral Street Summer Enrichment program is now open and will close on March 12th. Registration information can be found on the district webpage under the Parent link. **Please DO NOT call the office at Floral Street School for information about Summer Enrichment. YOU MUST use the contact information on the website Parent Link.**

Guiding Good Choices

Attached please find information on a series of workshops being offered at Floral Street School. The workshops, *Guiding Good Choices*, help families develop skills to work together to prevent your child from using drugs in the future. For more information, call Patricia Degon, at 508 841 8856 or by email at pdegon@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

SHS Presents *Anything Goes*

Make plans to attend Shrewsbury Schools Music and Drama Department's presentation of ANYTHING GOES! at the SHS auditorium on Thursday-Saturday, March 11th – 13th at 7:00PM and Sunday, March 14th at 2PM. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors. Advance tickets are available for purchase at Shrewsbury High School on March 8th-11th from 11AM-1PM in the school lobby. Ticket orders can be placed via email at musictickets@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or by calling the Box Office at 508.841.8300, ext. 1088.

From Spring Street School

Join us at Camp Spring Street School on Sunday March 21, from 12 - 4. Have fun with some camp favorites - like s'mores, gimp and fishing. Enjoy some repeat activities - like Hit Quarters, Wicked Good Cookies and the famous Sweet Walk. Come bid on our silent auction for items like - game tickets, getaway packages and more. Hope to see you there!!!

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/departmen/division.php?fDD=20-17>

Important Dates:

March 29 th	Report Cards issued
April 19 th -23 rd	Spring Vacation – No School

MCAS Dates:

March 23 rd	Long Composition – 4 th Grade
March 24 th & 25 th	ELA – 3 rd Grade
March 31 st & April 1 st	ELA – 4 th Grade
May 11 th & 12 th	Math – 3 rd Grade
May 18 th & 19 th	Math – 4 th Grade

Please check the FSS website for other important dates and the most recent updates!